Strengthening the women police force in Delhi

*56. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the strength of women police in Delhi keeping in view the spurt in the incidents of atrocities on women; and

(b) if so, the detais thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Health services in rural areas

*57. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that health services available of rural women and children are ot at par with those available in urban areas;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to provide better and sufficient health services in rural areas in the country particularly in the state of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKRANAND): (a) and (b) The health services for women and children in rurla areas are being provided through the network of primary health care infrastructure which consists of Sub-centres Primary Health Centres and the Referral Centres called Community Health Centres. In urban areas the services are being provided through a net work of hospitals, dispensaries and urban health posts etc.

(c) During the 8th Plan, the existing infrastructure is being consolidated and strengthened. Additional Resources are being provided to the States under the various programmes like Social Safety Net, Child Survival and Safe Motherhood (CSSM) Programme, Area Projects and Minimum Needs Programmes. During the 8th Plan 52 Community Health Centres and 44 Primary Health Centres are proposed to be established in Punjab.

Charges against the then NDMC Chief Engineer

*58. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Engineer (Civil) of the then New Delhi Municipal Committee was reinstated without the approval of the competent authority; and

(b) if so, what were the charges against him for which he was suspended three times during his tenure as Chief Engineer and whether Government have received representations against him for being vindictive against the concerned persons connected with his suspension?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Shri V. P. Chetal, Chief Engineer (Civil) of New Delhi Municipal Committee was suspended 3 times during his career.

On the first occasion, a case was registered against him on 28.5.1977 on the basis of a FIR from S.P., C.B.I. and he was placed under suspension on 29.9.1977 in relation to a suspected involvement in a case relating to 'Maruti Roller'. He was subsequently reinstated on 18.8.1978 in consultation with the invesigating authority since the charges could not be established.

Shri Chetal was placed under suspension for a second time on 20.3.1980 on the basis of the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Maruti affairs. His suspension was subsequently revoked on 8.9.1980 when the disciplinary authority decided to withdraw the charges.